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In the Claims

Please amend the following claims:



(Thrice Amended) An oxygen-delivery matrix, comprising, a biocompatible, single unit construct matrix, comprising a polymer network, a non-gellable polysaccharide, and oxygen, wherein the oxygen is generated in the matrix in the manufacture of the matrix, creating multiple oxygen-rich, closed cells within the matrix;

and wherein the non-gellable polysaccharide and oxygen are dispersed throughout the polymer network.